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Sent via email: foia@americanoversight.org

RE: American Oversight v. Office of Management and Budget, et. al., No. 18-2419 (DDC)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated August 30, 2018 from American Oversight that are the subject of the above-referenced matter. Specifically, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assigned these requests the tracking numbers 2018-529, 2018-530, and 2018-531.

For requests 2018-529 and 2018-531, OMB located no potentially responsive documents.

For request 2018-530, OMB located 50 potentially responsive documents. After reviewing these documents, OMB determined that 17 documents are responsive to this request, each of which OMB is withholding in full. Documents were withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Deliberative Process and Presidential communications privileges). Exemption 5 protects, *inter alia*, interagency or intra-agency pre-decisional deliberative communications, the disclosure of which would inhibit the frank and candid exchange of views that is necessary for effective government decision making, as well as Presidential communications, information that was solicited and received by the President or one of his immediate White House advisors.

With this production, OMB has completed its review of records that are potentially responsive to requests 2018-529, 2018-530, and 2018-531.

Sincerely,

Dionne Hardy

FOIA Officer

